

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL
The Stock Market During
Christmas Week.
FACTS AND FIGURES.

WALL STREET.
SUNDAY, Dec. 28, 1879.
The half holiday of Christmas Eve and the whole holiday of Christmas Day took so large a slice out of the week's working hours that what was left was of a fragmentary description, unattractive to the speculative, and unprofitable to the professional. While brokers, as a rule, have holidays, there is an exceptional percentage that deplores any interruption to the daily gambles. They would fain "eat their pie and have their pie," if such were possible, but they were pushed to a choice which would give up the holiday. It is a cheerful sign of the times to perceive that this feeling has little or no existence during the present festive season. The inclination has been rather to spread the holiday over the entire week, even though it should make dull work of business and leave quotations almost at a standstill. This, in effect, is what it did. Except for occasional flashes of activity the market remained in the shade of the week through. The extreme difference in prices was limited to less than 5 per cent. except in a few special instances—and the aggregate of daily transactions was reduced to a dead season standard. The ease or stringency of money had more to do with the changes in stock values than the manipulation of speculators. Loanable funds were something more than in good demand the week through, the average rate was 6 to 7 per cent, with an occasional rise to 1-32 and 1-16, though these latter "havens" were apparently attributable with malice prepense to the tonorial efforts of the bear party. The effect was to weaken prices, not so much because money was in sharp demand, but because fears were entertained that it might become ruinously dear. The natural stringency to be expected at this season, growing out of the annual settling up of accounts and the accumulation of business, has been aggravated by the continuing large shipments of currency to the West, to be used either for carrying wheat or in settlement of contracts daily falling due. It is reported that four to five millions have been or will be forwarded for the latter purpose within the compass of a few days. All these circumstances had a depressing influence upon holders of stocks, who, in the absence of more formidable reasons, regard a tight money market with holy horror. A very perceptible change for the better took place on Saturday, however, when it was learned that the government would commence on Monday to prepay its interest due on January 1. It was apparent that relief to the loan market must speedily follow this disbursement, and its effect upon the stock market was quickly perceptible. From a state of sluggish weakness prices grew strong and advanced steadily, though moderately, the day through. There was, nevertheless, a lack of cohesion, and no approach to a scramble for shares, the general impression being that the holidays must get well over and the financial field be well irrigated by the outpour from the various monetary institutions before the market can be made to bear fruit in the shape of a fresh advance.

| | Sales. | High. | Low. | Closing. |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Adams Express..... | 100 | 100 1/2 | 97 | 97 |
| American Express..... | 100 | 100 1/2 | 98 | 97 |
| Albany & Susquehanna..... | 110 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| At. & Terre Haute..... | 200 | 10 1/2 | 10 1/2 | 10 1/2 |
| At. & N. E. Ry..... | 100 | 100 1/2 | 100 1/2 | 100 1/2 |
| At. & Pac. Tel..... | 2,210 | 42 | 39 1/2 | 41 |
| Amer. Dist. Tel..... | 1,000 | 73 | 70 | 70 |
| Boston Air Line..... | 100 | 61 | 61 | 61 |
| Canton..... | 68 | 68 | 68 | 68 |
| Canada Southern..... | 17,180 | 66 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 |
| Caribou Mining..... | 775 | 53 | 54 | 55 |
| Ches. & Ohio..... | 5,581 | 18 | 17 1/2 | 18 |
| Ches. & Ohio 1st pf..... | 174 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Ches. & Ohio 2d pf..... | 62 | 20 1/2 | 20 1/2 | 20 1/2 |
| Ches. & Ohio 3d pf..... | 16,390 | 21 | 19 1/2 | 20 |
| Chic., B. & O'Key..... | 176 | 126 1/2 | 126 | 126 1/2 |
| Chicago & Alton..... | 330 | 100 | 99 1/2 | 100 |
| Chicago & N. W. Ry..... | 100 | 100 1/2 | 100 1/2 | 100 1/2 |
| Chic. & Northw't..... | 34,511 | 89 1/2 | 87 1/2 | 89 1/2 |
| Chic. & N. W. p. pf..... | 2,300 | 100 | 100 1/2 | 100 1/2 |
| Chic. & N. W. 2d pf..... | 2,300 | 100 | 100 1/2 | 100 1/2 |
| Chic. & N. W. 3d pf..... | 2,300 | 100 | 100 1/2 | 100 1/2 |
| Chic. & N. W. 4th pf..... | 2,300 | 100 | 100 1/2 | 100 1/2 |
| Chic. Rk. I. & C..... | 502 | 149 | 147 1/2 | 150 |
| Cleveland & Pitts..... | 362 | 108 | 106 | 106 1/2 |
| Cleveland..... | 92 1/2 | 83 | 83 | 83 |
| D. & Hudson..... | 6,965 | 75 | 73 1/2 | 74 |
| Han. & St. Jo..... | 7,910 | 34 1/2 | 30 1/2 | 31 1/2 |
| Han. & St. Jo. 2d..... | 3,179 | 61 | 61 | 61 |
| Houston & Texas..... | — | 47 1/2 | 47 1/2 | 47 1/2 |
| Illinois Central..... | 9,999 | 96 1/2 | 96 | 96 1/2 |
| Ind. Cin. & L..... | 1,450 | 3 | 3 1/2 | 3 |
| Ind. Harb. & C..... | 100 | 13 1/2 | 13 1/2 | 13 1/2 |
| Keokuk & Des M..... | 100 | 13 1/2 | 13 1/2 | 13 1/2 |
| Keok & Des M. pf..... | 100 | 13 1/2 | 13 1/2 | 13 1/2 |
| Des M. pf..... | 113,537 | 103 1/2 | 98 1/2 | 103 1/2 |
| Lake Erie & W..... | 600 | 20 | 19 1/2 | 19 1/2 |
| La Platte..... | 400 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Louis. & Nash..... | 2,100 | 87 1/2 | 84 1/2 | 87 1/2 |
| Louis. & Nash 2d..... | 700 | 87 1/2 | 84 1/2 | 87 1/2 |
| Manhattan RR..... | 7,708 | 56 | 50 | 50 1/2 |
| Metropolitan RR..... | 290 | 123 | 120 | 119 |
| Metropolitan..... | 21,375 | 82 1/2 | 82 1/2 | 82 1/2 |
| Mobile & Ohio..... | 600 | 21 1/2 | 21 1/2 | 21 1/2 |
| Mo., Kan. & Texas..... | 75,583 | 32 1/2 | 28 1/2 | 29 1/2 |
| Morriss & Essex..... | 1,630 | 100 | 102 | 100 |
| Mt. Vernon..... | 13,400 | 29 | 27 1/2 | 28 |
| New Central..... | 200 | 33 1/2 | 33 1/2 | 33 |
| N. J. Central..... | 39,075 | 81 1/2 | 79 1/2 | 80 1/2 |
| N. Y. & N. H. Ry..... | 1,000 | 120 | 120 | 120 |
| N. Y. & N. Haven..... | 109 | 155 | 155 | 155 |
| N. Y. Elevated..... | 1,115 | 124 | 120 | 122 |
| N. Y. L. E. & N..... | 147,400 | 120 | 119 1/2 | 120 |
| N. Y. L. E. & N. 2d..... | 100 | 40 1/2 | 40 1/2 | 40 1/2 |
| Northern Pacific..... | 404 | 32 1/2 | 31 | 32 |
| Northern Pacific pf..... | 3,014 | 56 1/2 | 53 1/2 | 54 1/2 |
| Northern Pacific 2d..... | 5,000 | 56 1/2 | 53 1/2 | 54 1/2 |
| Ohio & Miss. pf..... | — | 64 1/2 | 56 1/2 | 55 1/2 |
| Ontario Mining..... | — | — | — | 39 |
| P. R. & Nav..... | — | — | — | 100 |
| P. R. & Nav. 2d..... | 18,185 | 35 1/2 | 32 1/2 | 35 1/2 |
| P. R. & Nav. 3d..... | 8,300 | 67 1/2 | 67 | 68 |
| Quicksilver..... | 200 | 29 1/2 | 19 1/2 | 20 1/2 |
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| Standard Mining..... | 245 | 28 1/2 | 28 | 28 1/2 |
| Sutro Tunnel..... | 7,790 | 3 1/2 | 3 1/2 | 3 1/2 |
| St. L. & San Fran..... | 5,020 | 42 1/2 | 41 | 42 1/2 |
| St. L. & San Fran 2d..... | 5,020 | 44 | 44 | 44 |
| St. L. & S. F. 1st pf..... | 2,544 | 70 | 69 | 69 1/2 |
| St. L. & M. & S..... | 439 | 46 | 42 1/2 | 46 |
| St. L. & M. & S. 2d..... | 439 | 46 | 42 1/2 | 46 |
| St. P. & S. C. City pf..... | 400 | 73 1/2 | 73 1/2 | 73 1/2 |
| St. Paul & Union City..... | 3,925 | 83 | 81 1/2 | 82 1/2 |
| St. Paul & Union City 2d..... | 3,925 | 83 | 81 1/2 | 82 1/2 |
| Wab. St. L. & P. pf..... | 42,700 | 64 1/2 | 60 1/2 | 61 1/2 |
| Wells-Fargo Ex..... | 362 | 105 | 104 | 104 1/2 |
| West Union Tel..... | 63,394 | 102 1/2 | 98 1/2 | 100 1/2 |
| United States Ex..... | 210 | 40 | 46 1/2 | 49 |

* Ex dividend.